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SUBJ: SELECTION OF HEADMASTER FOR OVERSEA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

1. OVERSEA CHILDREN'S SCHOOL (OCS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS OFFERED POST OF HEADMASTER TO JOHN PATERSON, A BRITISH CITIZEN. AFTER INTERVIEWS IN COLOMBO, BOARD CONCLUDED BOTH PATERSON AND HASKELL WERE HIGHLY QUALIFIED BUT PATERSON BETTER SUITED TO SMALL SCHOOL OPERATION WE HAVE HERE. IN ADDITION, LENGTH OF TIME CANDIDATES WERE AVAILABLE TO OCS FAVORED PATERSON (HASKELL COULD STAY ONLY TWO YEARS). BOARD HAS OFFERED PATERSON FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT.

2. BOARD EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR DEPARTMENT'S GRANT FOR COMING SCHOOL YEAR, INCLUDING TRAVEL FUNDS FOR HASKELL, WHO PROVIDED BOARD WITH MANY INSIGHTS INTO SCHOOL PROBLEMS. OTHER FUND ALLOCATIONS WILL SUPPORT TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT TWO WELL-QUALIFIED AMERICAN TEACHERS, BOTH OF WHOM WERE HIGHLY PRAISED BY HASKEL AND PATERSON.

3. WE ALSO ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING SUPPORT IN IMPROVING OCS STANDARDS IN ORDER PROVIDE BETTER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN IN COLOMBO.

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